

## Recommended Native Plant List for Water Wise Gardens in the Yass Valley

This list of recommended species is intended as brief introduction to native plants which have low water requirements. Dimensions given are an approximation and may vary due to differences in microclimate, maintenance and the material from which the plant has been propagated. Descriptions have been kept brief to allow an extensive list which acts as a starting point for further research into the plants which best suit your conditions and requirements. You may wish to consult the following sources for further information:

### Websites:

Australian Native Plants Society (Australia): <a href="http://asgap.org.au">http://asgap.org.au</a>
Sustainable Gardening Australia: <a href="http://www.sgaonline.org.au">http://www.sgaonline.org.au</a>
Australian National Botanic Gardens: <a href="http://www.anbg.gov.au/anbg">http://www.anbg.gov.au/anbg</a>
Botanic Gardens Trust: <a href="http://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/plant_info/Plants_for_gardens">http://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/plant_info/Plants_for_gardens</a>
Australian Native Plants Society, Canberra Region; <a href="http://nativeplants-canberra.asn.au/index.aspx">http://nativeplants-canberra.asn.au/index.aspx</a>

### Reference books:

Name: <i>Australian Native Plants; cultivation, use in landscaping &amp; propagation 5<sup>th</sup> edition.</i> Author: John W. Wrigley & Murray Fagg Details: 696 pages, hard cover, colour pictures, descriptions of plant properties & cultivation.
Name: <i>Concise edition; Australian Native Plants; cultivation, use in landscaping &amp; propagation 1<sup>st</sup> edition.</i> Author: John W. Wrigley & Murray Fagg Details: 352 pages, soft cover, colour pictures, describes more than 1,500 species & cultivars
Name: <i>The Canberra Gardener 9<sup>th</sup> edition.</i> Author: The Royal Horticultural Society of Canberra Details: 416 pages, soft cover, colour & b/w pictures

Botanical name	Common name	Cultivars	Height x Width	Comments
<b>Grasses (clumping/feature grasses)</b>				
<i>Austrostipa densiflora</i>	Brushtail speargrass		To 0.4m	Mid green narrow flat leaf blades, large plumey seed/flowerhead from spring to summer.
<i>Austrostipa stipoides</i>	Coastal speargrass		0.6m - 0.9m	Fine, soft foliage. Narrow whitish flowering heads in spring & summer.
<i>Joycea pallida</i>	Redanther wallaby grass		0.4m - 0.6m	Dense fine blue-green foliage, tall slender flower spikes in summer.
<i>Lomandra confertifolia</i>		'Little Con' 'Little Pal'	0.3m x 0.6m 0.4m x 0.4m	
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spike rush/mat rush		0.5m – 0.9m	Broad strappy mid green leaf blades, spiky flowers.
<i>Poa labillardieri</i>	Common tussock grass		0.8m x 0.8m	Fine foliage, plumey flower heads.
<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo Grass		0.5m	Soft mid green leaves, distinctive large seeds in clusters in summer.

Xanthorrhoea australis	Grass tree		To 5m	Brown/black trunk, sometimes branching, with terminal clumps of long spears of green foliage. Tall spikes of tiny clustered cream flowers in spring, but not every year.
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**Lawn Grasses** (see website: [www.sgaonline.org.au/info\\_native\\_lawns.html](http://www.sgaonline.org.au/info_native_lawns.html) for more information)

Microlaena stipoides	Weeping grass			
Austrodanthonia spp.	Wallaby grass			
Bothriochloa macra	Red leg grass			
Themeda australis	Kangaroo grass			
Chloris truncata	Windmill grass			

**Perennials**

Ajuga australis	Austral bugle		To 30cm	Spikes of pink/mauve/purple flowers in spring & summer, small round mid green leaves.
Anigozanthos	Kangaroo paw	sp. flavidus  'Bush Ballad', 'Bush Dance', 'Orange Cross' 'Bush Bonanza', 'Regal Claw', 'Green Dragon', 'Royal Cheer', 'Bush Pearl', 'Joey Sprite'	0.5-1.5m x 0.5m-1.0m	Strappy mid green leaves, flowers (in summer) usually soft green but orange, yellow or pink variations are also found.
Brachyscome multifida		'Break o' day'	0.1m – 0.4m	Purple daisy flowers in spring & summer, fine fernlike foliage.
Blandfordia	Christmas bells	sp. grandiflora sp. nobilis sp. punicea	0.5m 0.4m 1.0m	Grass like leaves, large bell flowers of deep red with yellow tips in summer. Grass like leaves, cylindrical flowers of red with yellow tips in summer. Rush like leaves curving out from base, tall flower spike with red flowers.
Chrysocephalum apiculatum	Yellow buttons		0.2m x 0.4m	Tiny yellow flowers in spring & summer over low growing grey-green foliage.
Dampiera stricta	Blue dampiera		To 0.3m x 1m	Lance shaped green leaves, blue-mauve flowers from autumn to summer.
Dianella revoluta	Flax lily		To 1m (Smaller cultivars available)	Sky blue flowers from spring to summer, blue berries, broad strappy mid green foliage.
Dichopogon fimbriatus	Chocolate lily		0.3m -0.4m	Grass like leaves, delicate mauve flowers with sweet fragrance in summer (plant goes dormant after flowering until the following summer).
Diplarrena moraea	Butterfly Flag		0.5m – 0.9m	Broad dark green leaf blades, white iris like flowers in spring.
Lechenaultia biloba	Blue lechenaultia		To 0.3m	Linear, narrow green leaves. Bright blue flowers
Leucochrysum albicans	Hoary sunray		To 0.3m	Perennial/annual. Narrow grey-green linear leaves. Yellow daisies in spring/summer.
Libertia paniculata			0.5m x 0.4m	Grass like leaves, slender spikes of white flowers in spring. Sheltered position.
Orthrosanthus multiflorus			To 0.4m	Broad flat leaf blades, spikes of light blue flowers.
Parahebe perfoliata			To 0.6m	Pendulous heads of mauve/blue flowers, heart shaped grey-green leaves.
Patersonia occidentalis	Purple Flag		0.4m x 0.4m	Strappy leaves, light blue flowers in spring & summer.
Patersonia sericea			To 0.2m	Strappy leaves, deep violet flowers in spring/summer.
Pelargonium australe	Austral stork's bill		To 0.5m	Oval lobed felty green leaves, white flowers with red markings.

Pelargonium rodneyanum	Native geranium		0.2m x 0.4m	Bright pink flowers in summer/autumn, round mid green leaves.
Rhodanthe anthemoides	Chamomile sunray		To 0.3m	Small narrow grey-green leaves, daisy like flower with papery white bracts from winter to early autumn.
Scaevola humilis			0.1m x 0.2m	Blue fan shaped flowers in spring/summer, oval green leaves.
Scaevola ramosissima			Prostrate x 0.6m	Large purple flowers in spring & summer.
Stylidium graminifolium	Grass trigger plant		To 0.25m	Grass like clump of mid green leaves, spikes of pink flowers sit above the foliage.
Thelionema caespitosum	Tufted blue lily		0.5 to 0.9m	Tufted grass like foliage. Branched flowers stems carry starry blue flowers from spring to summer.
Wahlenbergia	Royal bluebell	sp. gloriosa 'Fairy Mist' 'Sky Mist' 'Blue Mist'	To 0.25m	Small dark green oblong leaves, purple/blue bell shaped flowers spring/summer. Cultivar with soft pink flowers. Cultivar with pale blue flowers. Cultivar with double blue-mauve flowers.
<b>Small shrubs</b>				
Acacia pravissima		'Little nugget' 'Golden Glow'	1m 1.2m x 1m	Check size of other cultivars, the species form can grow to 6m. Small triangular grey-green leaves, yellow flowers.
Baeckia virgata		'La Petite'	To 1m	Fine dark green foliage, small white flowers from mid summer.
Banksia spinulosa	Hairpin banksia	'Honey Pots' 'Cherry Candles' 'Stumpy Gold'	1.5m x 1.5m 0.4m x 1.2m	Fine narrow dark green leaves. Cylindrical brush-like flower spikes from autumn to spring. Flower colour varies from yellow to orange and rusty red depending on cultivar.
Callistemon	Bottlebrush	'Little John'	0.4m-1m x 0.4m-1m	Narrow blue-green leaves, dark red flowers.
Calytrix tetragona	Fringe myrtle		To 1m	Small, narrow green leaves. Pink or white starry flowers in clusters in spring.
Chamelaucium ciliatum	Stirling wax		To 1m	Narrow needle like dark green leaves. Tiny pink or white flowers in spring/summer.
Cheiranthra cyanea	Finger flower		0.3m x 0.3m	Large starry violet flowers with prominent yellow anthers in summer.
Correa	Native fuchsia	sp. alba 'Dusky Bells'	1.5m x 1m To 0.5m	Oval mid green felty leaves, bell shaped white flowers. Oval mid to dark green leaves, pink-red bell shaped flowers.
Crocea exalata			0.7m x 0.5m	White or pink starry flowers in summer/autumn.
Crocea saligna		'Poorinda Ecstasy'	0.5m-1 m x 1m	Deep pink starry flowers in autumn/winter, narrow leaves to 5cm length.
Dampiera purpurea			To 1m	Small grey-green oval leaves, purple flowers in spring.
Darwinia citriodora	Lemon scented myrtle		To 0.6m	Small oval dark green fragrant leaves, small flowers with protruding yellow styles from winter to spring.
Epacris impressa	Common heath	'Bega Red'	To 1m	Small dark green triangular leaves, pendulous red bells from autumn to spring.
Epacris longiflora			To 1m	Small dark green triangular leaves, long thin pendant white tipped red tubular flowers.
Epacris microphylla			To 1m	Small triangular leaves, tiny white starry flowers.
Eremophila bowmanii	Emu bush		To 1m	Silvery grey felty foliage, mauve flowers from winter to spring.
Eremophila glabra	Common emu bush		To 1.5m	Grey or green lance shaped leaves. Orange, yellow or green tubular flowers from winter to summer
Eremophila maculata	Spotted emu bush		To 1m	Linear green leaves. Flowers may be pink, mauve, red, orange or yellow with a spotted throat. Flowering from winter to spring
Grevillea		'Cherry Ripe' 'Ember Glow' 'Amethyst'	0.3m x 0.5m 1m x 2m	Flowers and foliage vary widely in shape and colour. All species and cultivars attract birds and insects.

Hakea crassinervia		'Burrendong Beauty'	0.5m x 1.5m	Clusters of pink/cream flowers, small pointy oval grey-green leaves. Spreading habit.
Hibbertia diffusa obtusifolia pedunculata procumbens	Wedge guinea flower Guinea flower		To 1m To 1m 0.05m to 0.2m x 0.6m 0.05m x 0.6m	Small dark green toothed oval leaves, buttercup yellow flowers in spring/summer. Tiny dark green linear leaves, yellow flowers in spring/summer. Tiny linear dark green leaves, yellow flowers in spring & summer. Small linear dark green leaves, yellow flowers in spring.
Isopogon	Broad leaved drumsticks	sp. anemonifolius sp. anethifolius 'Little Drumsticks'	0.5m to 2m To 3m 0.5m x 0.6m	Mid green finely divided leaves, yellow flowers in spring/summer, round pods. Divided green leaves, yellow pincushion flowers in spring/summer, round pods. Round yellow flowers, green foliage.
Kunzea	Small leaved kunzea	parvifolia	To 1m	Small mauve/pink flowers in terminal clusters, small dark green leaves.
Leptospermum		'Pink Cascade'	0.5m x 1.5m	Small narrow green leaves, pink flowers.
Philothea	(syn Eriostemon)	'Flower Girl'	1m x 1m	Mid green oblong leaves, small white starry flowers.
Pimelea		'Pink Cloud'	0.5m x 0.5m	Small dark green oval leaves, clusters of small pink flowers.
Pultenaea procumbens			0.3m x 1.0m	Small dark green leaves, yellow & brown pea shaped flowers in spring.
Tetralochea thymifolia	Black eyed Susan		To 0.5m	Small oval hairy leaves. Pendulous mauve flowers from winter to spring.
Thryptomene saxicola	Rock thryptomene		To 1m	Tiny dark green, aromatic, oval leaves. Abundant small pale pink flowers from winter to spring.
Westringia		'Wynyabbie Gem'	2-3m x 2-3m	Blue or white flowers, fine narrow grey leaves.
<b>Medium &amp; large shrubs</b>				
Acacia boormanii	Snowy River wattle		To 4.5m	Long, narrow, flat grey leaves. Bright yellow fragrant flowers from winter to spring.
Acacia buxifolia			3.0m x 2.0m	Small elliptical leaves, abundant small golden flowers in spring.
Acacia cultriformis	Knife-leaf wattle		2.5m x 2.0m	Small grey triangular leaves, golden flowers in spring.
Acacia decora	Showy wattle		2.5m x 3.0m	Narrow grey leaves, golden flowers in spring.
Acacia howittii	Sticky wattle		6.0m x 3.0m	Graceful pendulous light green foliage, pale yellow flowers in spring.
Acacia pravissima	Ovens wattle		6.0m x 3-4m	Pendulous branches, small grey triangular leaves, yellow flowers in spring.
Allocasuarina nana	Dwarf She oak		1.0m x 3.0m	Long dark needle like leaves, small cylindrical seed pods.
Alyogyne huegelii			To 2.5m	Hibiscus like mauve or white flowers in summer. Bright green lobed leaves. May need some protection from frost.
Baekia linifolia	Weeping baekia		2.5m x 2.0m	Fine green graceful pendulous foliage, tiny white flowers in summer.
Banksia ericifolia	Heath leaf banksia	sp. ericifolia 'Red Rover'	5.0m x 4.0m 1.8m x 1.2m	Medium green needle like foliage, long orange flower spikes in autumn/winter.
Banksia marginata	Silver banksia		2-6m	Green leaves with pale underside, Yellow flower spikes in spring/summer.
Banksia serrata			To 10m	Serrated leaves with wavy margins, grey-green flower spikes in autumn.
Bursaria spinosa	Sweet Bursaria		2-6m x 2-3m	Dark green elongated oval leaves, downy on the underside. Fragrant panicles of small white flowers in summer. Prickly.
Callistemon	Bottlebrush	'Captain Cook' 'Candy Pink'	1.5m x 1.5m 3.0m x 2.0m	Weeping habit, red flowers. Medium pink flowers.
Chamelaucium incinatum	Geraldton wax		2m - 3m	Narrow needle-like aromatic dark green leaves. Small pink or white flowers in late winter.
Dodonea viscosa	Hop bush	subsp. cuneata  subsp. purpurea	To 3m	Paddle shaped mid green leaves. Insignificant flowers. Reddish papery fruit capsules. Oblong purple/brown foliage. Insignificant flowers.

Dryandra formosa	Showy dryandra		To 3m	Long, narrow dark green serrated leaves. Yellow pincushion shaped flowers in spring. May need protection from frost.
Grevillea confertifolia	Grampians grevillea		1m to 2m	Narrow linear dark green leaves. Mauve/pink flowers from spring to summer.
Grevillea iaspicula *	Wee Jasper grevillea		1m to 2m	Oblong mid green leaves. Clusters of red-tinted white flowers in winter/spring.
Grevillea juniperina	Juniper leaf grevillea		1m to 2.5m (also prostrate forms)	Needle like dark green foliage. Flowering in spring and summer. Flowers may be yellow, apricot, pink or red, nectar attracts birds & bees.
Grevillea victoriae			2m x 2m	Grey green oblong leaves, pendulous clusters of red flowers in winter/spring.
Grevillea wilkinsonii			1.5 to 2m	Dark green oblong toothed leaves. Mauve to purple brush flowers in winter/spring
Grevillea		'Robyn Gordon'	1-2.5m x 2-3m	Divided dark green leaves, brushes of red flowers for most of the year.
Hakea dactyloides	Finger hakea		To 4m x 3m	Narrow lanceolate green leaves. White or pale pink flowers in Spring. Attractive woody seed pods.
Hakea teretifolia			To 3m	Prickly dark green leaves, clusters of small white flowers in spring/summer, dagger shaped pods.
Hakea victoria	Royal hakea		2.5m x 1m	Spectacular large round serrated grey-green leaves with variegations including cream, yellow, orange & red. Flowers insignificant. Woody seed pods. May need protection from frost.
Hovea longifolia			To 2m	Long narrow leaves, mauve-blue pea shaped flowers in winter/spring.
Kunzea	Tick bush	ambigua	To 3m	Small white flowers with fluffy stamens in spring, small oval green leaves.
Leptospermum petersonii	Tea tree	'Copper Glow'	3m x 2.5m	Small bronze/green leaves, white scented flowers.
Leptospermum rotundifolium	Round leaf tea tree		1m to 2m	Very small triangular glossy green leaves. Pink flowers in spring.
Macrozamia communis	Burrawang		1-1.5m x 2-3m	Similar to the palm like cycads, long slender arching dark green fronds on a short trunk. <b>Caution:</b> the fruit on female plants is toxic if ingested – do not plant where children or animals will have access to it.
Olearia phlogopappa	Dusty daisy bush		To 1.5m	Narrow elliptic grey green foliage. Small pink, white or mauve daisy flowers in spring.
Persoonia pinifolia	Pine leaved geebung		To 3m	Dark green needle like foliage. Tubular yellow flowers in summer. Small round green fleshy ornamental fruit (inedible).
Prostanthera incana	Mint bush		To 1.5m	Aromatic round mid green leaves, tubular mauve flowers in spring.
Prostanthera 'Poorinda Ballerina'	Mint bush		To 2m	Aromatic mid small oval green leaves, white flowers with a lilac tinge and yellow throat in spring.
Westringia fruticosa	Coastal rosemary		To 2m x 4m	Narrow linear dark green leaves, small white or mauve flowers mainly in spring.
Westringia longifolia			2m x 1.5m	Long linear leaves, white flowers in spring.
<b>Small trees</b>				
Acacia fimbriata dwarf			2m - 4m	Narrow lanceolate leaves, lemon yellow flowers in spring.
Acacia pravissima	Ovens Wattle		To 6m	Small triangular grey-green leaves, pendulous branches, small yellow flowers in spring.
Acacia pycnantha	Golden wattle		5m to 8m	Australia's National floral emblem. Long, flat leaves, yellow flowers from winter to spring.
Angophora hispida	Dwarf apple		To 7m	Light green heart shaped leaves. White flowers in summer. Ribbed cup-shaped fruit (like gumnuts). Protect from frost while young.
Banksia serrata	Saw banksia/Old Man banksia		5m to 15m	Serrated green leaves, gnarled brown bark. 12cm cream flower spikes in spring. Fruiting cones with large protruding follicles.

Eucalyptus crenulata			6m to 10m	Small aromatic grey-green heart shaped leaves with ribbed margins, clusters of small fluffy cream flowers.
Eucalyptus tetragona			4.0m x 5.0m	Requires very good drainage, blue-grey oval leaves, cream flowers in spring, large silver-grey gumnuts.
Eucalyptus		‘Euky Dwarf’	To 6m x 3 – 5m	Long narrow green leaves, masses of fluffy deep pink or red blossom from autumn to summer.
Eucalyptus		‘Little Snowman’	4 – 7m x 3 – 4m	Long grey-green leaves, clusters of cream flowers in spring & summer.
Eucalyptus		‘Summer Scentsation’	4 – 6m x 3 – 4m	Long broad glossy grey-green leaves, clusters of fragrant fluffy yellow blossom in summer, small gum nut seed pods in tight clusters.
Hakea eriantha			To 7m	Long narrow lance shaped leaves, small white flowers in the leaf axils in spring.
Hakea laurina	Pincushion Hakea		3-5m x 3-4m	Long narrow elliptical leaves, globular red flower clusters with protruding white styles in autumn/winter.
Hakea petiolaris	Sea urchin hakea		2m to 8m	Globular clusters of cream flowers in late autumn, broad grey-green heart shaped leaves. Woody pods
Hakea salicifolia	Willow leaved hakea		To 8m	Long lance shaped green leaves. White flowers in winter/spring. Woody pods.
<b>Medium &amp; large trees</b>				
Acacia dealbata	Silver wattle		8m to 30m	Blue-grey fern like leaves, creamy yellow flowers from winter to spring.
Acacia implexa	Lightwood/Hickory wattle		5-13m x 4-10m	Long light green sickle shaped leaves, cream flowers in summer.
Arthrotaxis cupressoides	Pencil pine		To 15m	Small
Callitris	Black cypress pine White cypress pine	sp. endlecheri sp. glaucophylla	To 10m To 20m	Fine green or grey-blue foliage, forms a conical tree shape. Fine blue-grey foliage, forms a tall pillar or conical shape.
Casuarina	She oaks	sp. cristata sp. cunninghamiana	To 12m To 20m	Fine long needle like leaves, cylindrical seed pods. Slightly pendulous fine long needle like leaves, small cylindrical seed pods.
Corymbia ficifolia	Flowering gum	‘Summer Red’ ‘Summer Beauty’	8m to 10m	Large, glossy dark green leaves. Dense clusters of fluffy red flowers in summer. Large, glossy dark green leaves. Dense clusters of fluffy pink flowers in summer.
Eucalyptus cinerea	Argyle apple		To 12m	Rough bark, blue-grey foliage.
Eucalyptus pauciflora	Snow gum		To 15m	Smooth white bark, open spreading habit, long grey green leaves.
Eucalyptus polyanthemus	Red box		To 16m	Blue-grey rounded foliage.
Eucalyptus rossii	Scribbly gum		To 15m	Smooth white bark with scribbles, long green leaves.
<b>Groundcovers</b>				
Acacia cultriformis		‘Austraflora Cascade’	0.3m x 3.0m	Weeping branches, small flat grey leaves, yellow flowers – cascades nicely over walls or rocks.
Banksia blechnifolia			0.3m x 2.5m	Dark green lobed leaves with a felty underside. Orange-brown cylindrical flowers in spring.
Clematis aristata	Old Man’s Beard		Covers several square metres	Vigorous creeper with dense mid green foliage, starry cream flowers and fluffy seed heads.
Eremophila glabra		‘Silver Spread’	0.15m x 1m	Small oval silver foliage, tubular yellow flowers.
Goodenia hederacea	Ivy goodenia		Prostrate x 0.8m	Round toothed mid green leaves, yellow flowers in spring & summer.
Goodenia lanata			Prostrate x 0.8m	Green leaves, yellow flowers in spring and summer.
Grevillea		‘Bronze Rambler’ x gaudichaudii ‘Gold Fever’	0.25m x 2-3m Prostrate x 2m 0.3m x 1.5m	Bronze leaves, red flowers throughout the year. Green oak like leaves, dark red flowers in winter/spring.

		'Mt. Tamboritha' 'Poorinda Royal Mantle'	0.2m x 2.5m 0.2m x 3m	Long dark green leaves, sometimes lobed. Red flower brushes in spring/summer.
Hardenbergia violacea	Native wisteria		Prostrate x 1.0m	Purple or white flowers, green leaves, twining habit – will grow as a climber also.
Hibbertia diffusa			Prostrate x 1.0m	Tiny dark green oval leaves, yellow flowers in spring & summer.
Hibbertia pedunculata			0.2m x 0.6m	Yellow flowers in spring & summer.
Hibbertia procumbens			Prostrate x 0.6m	Small linear leaves, bright yellow flowers in spring.
Kennedia rubicunda			Prostrate x 3.0m	Brick red flowers, dark green leaves.
Kunzea		'Badja Carpet'	Prostrate x	Small dark green leaves, white flowers in summer.
Micromyrtus ciliata		Prostrate form	Prostrate x 1.5m	Small dark green leaves, tiny white flowers from spring to summer.
Muehlenbeckia axillaris			Prostrate	Very vigorous creeper with small rounded dark green leaf – use for mass planting on embankments or train over a topiary frame in a container, too rampant for a formal garden.
Myoporum parvifolium	Creeping boobialla		0.05m x 1-1.5m	Small white starry flowers in spring/summer, small green linear leaves.
Persoonia chamaepitys	Creeping geebung		0.2m x 1m	Fine needle like light green foliage, yellow flowers.
Pultenaea pedunculata			0.2m x 1 -2m	Trailing stems with small mid green leaves, small yellow/orange flowers in spring.

\* = Endangered or rare species

#### CULTIVATION NOTES:

- Watering - The native plants listed above generally require much less water than exotic plants, however they will need ample water during establishment, and supplementary irrigation especially during long dry periods. Dripper systems are the most efficient means of irrigation.
- Mulching - A mulch over the soil will conserve moisture as well as improving the appearance of garden beds and reducing weed germination. Generally a depth of 7-10cm is adequate. Woodchip and bark mulches allow better rainfall penetration and last longer than straw mulches.
- Drainage - Good drainage is essential to most native plants. Garden beds will perform better in poorly drained areas if they are built up above ground level with good quality garden soil. Poor drainage in high clay soils may be improved by the addition of well decomposed organic matter such as compost (dug into the soil rather than left on the surface).
- Fertilising - Most native plants have a very low phosphorus requirement and are adversely affected by general garden fertilisers. Ask your local garden centre for low phosphorus fertilisers which are suitable for native plants.